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SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENTS DURING SECRETARY'S SOUTH ASIAN  
TRIP

REF: ISLAMABAD 9765

FROM THE SECRETARY

1. IN PRINCIPLE, OUR INCLINATION IS TO AGREE TO ISSUE  
JOINT STATEMENTS AT THOSE STOPS WHERE HOST GOVERNMENTS  
EXPRESS DESIRE FOR ONE. THIS IS ALREADY THE CASE FOR  
INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN, AND WE HAVE HAD PRELIMINARY DIS-  
CUSSION OF POSSIBLE CONTENT OF SUCH STATEMENTS WITH THEM.  
IT WOULD THEREFORE BE DIFFICULT TO DROP IDEA AT THIS  
POINT AND, IN CASE OF INDIA, TO LIMIT STATEMENT SOLELY  
TO SUBJECT OF JOINT COMMISSION.

2. WE WILL LEAVE IT ENTIRELY UP TO PAKISTANIS WHETHER  
OR NOT THEY WANT JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S  
ISLAMABAD VISIT, ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT THEY WILL IN VIEW  
OF PROBABILITY THAT STATEMENTS WILL BE ISSUED IN NEW  
DELHI AND KABUL, AND PRESUMABLY IN DACCA AS WELL.

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3. WHILE QUESTION OF HOW TO DEAL WITH ARMS SUPPLY PROBLEM

IN ANY JOINT US-PAK STATEMENT WILL OBVIOUSLY REQUIRE

CAREFUL HANDLING, WE DO NOT THINK IT NEED BE INSURMOUNT-  
ABLE. IT IS NOT OUR INCLINATION THAT JOINT STATEMENTS  
MENTION ANYTHING SPECIFIC OR CONTROVERSIAL, AND WE THINK  
THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THEM ON  
GENERAL BUT FIRMLY WORDED REAFFIRMATION OF OUR SUPPORT  
FOR PAKISTAN'S INTEGRITY WITHOUT A SPECIFIC MENTION  
OF ARMS POLICY ISSUE.

4. WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR SUGGESTIONS  
FOR A JOINT US-PAK STATEMENT AND AGREE THAT WE SHOULD  
SEEK TO HAVE AT LEAST PRELIMINARILY AGREED TEXT PRIOR  
TO SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IF PAKISTANIS DESIRE STATEMENT.  
YOU MAY IN YOUR DISCRETION SOUND THEM OUT IN THIS  
REGARD. KISSINGER

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